Dear Sen. Gerratana, Rep. Ritter and the Public Health Committee,

I oppose bill HB 6949. The act of signing notarized forms requiring me to acknowledge something harmful due to my religious views is persecution. Especially considering that the effects of the current schedule of vaccines including their adjuvants and excipients vs a pure saline placebo has never been studied. Perhaps, a better course of action would be to propose a bill which requires full health screenings of babies before they receive each and every vaccine. For example, did you know supplementing Vitamin A can alleviate measles symptoms even from the vaccine? (1) (2) Further, your medical document that I must acknowledge has nothing to do with my religious beliefs. This bill asks people to accept a secular argument for a religious exemption.

It is my understanding that the state must show a compelling interest when infringing upon my individual liberties. With an over 95% vaccination rate in the state of Connecticut (3), I do not believe that the state of Connecticut has a compelling reason to override a religious exemption to vaccines.

I oppose this legislation and hope you will do the same.

Thank You,

Amie Bentley